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Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Mr. Chairman:

When I contacted you last December regarding LightSquared's innovative solution to relieve our nation's strained wireless infrastructure, I emphasized the importance of coming up with a solution that would protect GPS while allowing LightSquared to bring their new technology to the marketplace. I realize you have made decisions in the last few weeks that seriously impact LightSquared's future, but I want to reiterate the importance of finding a way to offer both LightSquared and GPS to American consumers.

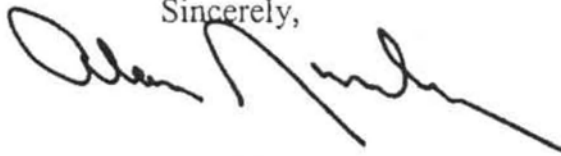
LightSquared has proven that there are practical, affordable solutions to the interference issues that have been presented in the past. Now, as the GPS industry scrambles to keep LightSquared out of its own licensed spectrum, it is a huge disappointment that the FCC appears to be siding with GPS and ignoring the fact that LightSquared has invested billions of private dollars and done everything asked of them up to this point to resolve interference with GPS devices.

To highlight the need for more wireless broadband options, the Mississippi House and Senate each passed resolutions, authored by Rep. Bill Denny and Sen. Will Longwitz, urging the expansion of mobile broadband infrastructure, especially to underserved and rural regions. The benefits that LightSquared can bring to wireless customers in North Mississippi and the rest of America will result in lower prices, more competition, and better choices. Rather than ceasing expansion of the network that LightSquared has invested so much time and money in, and that the industry so desperately needs, I ask that the FCC consider all options and engineering alternatives to ensure that this opportunity materializes as quickly as possible.

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If the GPS manufacturers refuse to fix the receivers that have been designed to utilize LightSquared's spectrum, give LightSquared new spectrum. This technology is too important to the 260 million Americans looking forward to the affordable access that only LightSquared can provide, to close the door on the project at this point, and I urge you to do everything you can to find a solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Nunnelee', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alan Nunnelee  
Member of Congress